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SUBJECT: IENG SARY'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN

REF: MEMCON DATED APRIL 4, 1977 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: A CAMBODIAN DELEGATION LED BY IENG SARY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER, VISITED PAKISTAN MARCH 27-30. THEY MET WITH PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, AND HELD FORMAL TALKS AT THE PAK MFA. NEITHER SIDE APPEARS TO HAVE EXPECTED MUCH FROM THE OFFICIAL VISIT, BUT THE CAMBODIANS USED THE OCCASION TO PUBLICIZE TO THE PAKS THEIR OUTLOOK ON CAMBODIAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, BORDER RELATIONS WITH SRV AND THAILAND, AND CAMBODIAN ATTITUDES OF SUSPICION TOWARD THE USSR AND TRUST OF PRC. THE PAKS FOR THEIR PART WON ENDORSEMENT FOR THE BHUTTO THIRD
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WORLD SUMMIT AND THEIR POSITION ON KASHMIR. END SUMMARY.

2. CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IENG SARY PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO PAKISTAN MARCH 27-30, AFTER VISITS TO BURMA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND SRI LANKA. SARY AND HIS FOUR-MAN DELEGATION TRAVELED FROM KARACHI TO ISLAMABAD, WHERE THEY MET WITH THEN-MINISTER OF

STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE, AZIZ AHMED, FOR TALKS WITH PAK MFA OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. SARY ALSO PAID COURTESY CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND PRESIDENT FAZAL ELAHI CHAUDHRY. FOLLOWING THEIR TALKS WITH GOP LEADERS THE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION VISITED THE TARBELA DAM AND PESHAWAR BEFORE DEPARTING FOR PNOM PENH VIA PEKING.

3. IN THEIR JOINT COMMUNIQUE BOTH NATIONS SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF THE THIRD WORLD'S EMERGING AS A NEW FORCE TO PROMOTE PEACE AND EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS. THEY AGREED TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A ZONE OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE INDIAN OCEAN; THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA; THE ARAB PEOPLE AGAINST ISRAELI ZIONIST AGGRESSION AND FOR THE COMPLETE RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS; AND THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND AZANIA IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND APARTHEID. CAMBODIA PLEDGED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT THAT PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAS PROPOSED. THE CAMBODIANS LAUDED PAKISTAN'S ATTEMPTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS IN SOUTH ASIA AND WELCOMED IMPROVED PAK RELATIONS WITH BANGLADESH AND AFGHANISTAN. SARY ALSO SUPPORTED USE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR A SOLUTION TO THE KASHMIR ISSUE ACCORDING TO U.N. RESOLUTIONS. THE PAKS FOR THEIR PART WELCOMED THE LIBERATION OF CAMBODIA AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE ACHIEVEMENT CAMBODIA HAS MADE IN SAFEGUARDING ITS NATIONAL INTEGRITY THROUGH NON-ALIGNMENT.

4. ACCORDING TO A PAK MFA OFFICIAL (REF MEMCON), THE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION (I.E., SARY, WHO DID ALL THE TALKING HIMSELF) SPOKE DIRECTLY FROM BRIEFS, THEN ANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT PAK MFA CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICIALS POSED. MFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT CAMBODIANS STRESSED THAT CAMBODIA HAS SOLVED ITS MOST IMPORTANT INTERNAL PROBLEMS -- INTERNAL SECURITY AND FOOD PRODUCTION -- AND NOW SEEKS FRIENDLY TIES WITH NATIONS WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD THEM. CAMBODIA'S GOAL IS TO ESTABLISH ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT, NON-ALIGNED RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. THEY TOLD THE PAKISTANIS THAT CAMBODIA-PRC RELATIONS ARE PARTICULARLY GOOD BECAUSE THE PRC HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED CAMBODIA WITHOUT TRYING TO PRESSURE THE CAMBODIANS, EVEN IN THE WORST OF TIMES FOR CAMBODIAN POLITICAL FORTUNES, TO SUPPORT THE CHINESE LINE. THEY CONTRASTED THIS WITH THE SOVIET POLICY: THE SOVIETS HAD SUPPORTED THE LON NOL REGIME UNTIL VERY LATE IN THE GAME BECAUSE, THE CAMBODIANS SUSPECT, THE SOVIETS EXPECTED THE VIETNAMESE TO "LIBERATE" CAMBODIA. EVEN NOW THE CAMBODIANS SUSPECT A FOREIGN MISSION IN PNOM PENH, UNDER SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS, OF ENGAGING IN ANTI-NATIONAL ACTIVITIES. (MFA SOURCE SPECULATED THAT THEY MUST HAVE MEANT EITHER THE CUBAN OR SRV MISSION.) THE CAMBODIANS TOLD THE PAKS THAT THE CAMBODIA-SRV BORDER IS THE PRODUCT OF OLD COLONIAL SYSTEM, THAT IT DOES NOT CORRECTLY

DIVIDE THE TWO ETHNIC GROUPINGS. THEREFORE THE "TRUE" BORDER MUST BE DEMARCATED. THEY ALSO TOLD THE PAKS THAT THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER LIKEWISE REQUIRES DEMARCATION, THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE OUTSTANDING WITH THAILAND. THE CAMBODIANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE INTRUSION OF A SUPERPOWER INTO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND SUGGESTED TO THE PAKISTANIS THAT THEY SUSPECT THE SOVIETS OF SUCH DESIGNS.

4. THE PAKS GAVE THE VISIT GOOD PRESS PLAY, AND DOUBTLESS SAW IN IT A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BURNISH THE GOP'S THIRD WORLD IMAGE. THEY HAVE TOLD US AND OTHERS HERE THAT THE CAMBODIANS APPEAR INTERESTED IN EXPANDING THEIR FOREIGN CONTACTS AND SEEM TO BE SEARCHING AMONG SAFE AND SYMPATHETIC COUNTRIES FOR FRIENDS WHO WOULD NOT IMPOSE ON THEIR INDEPENDENCE. (BUT NO EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IS CONTEMPLATED.) AS FAR AS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DISCOVER, LITTLE APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED FROM THE VISIT ASIDE FROM THE CAMBODIAN PRESENTATION
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